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FOR DUBS FROM SCHNEIDER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: IN, US
SUBJECT: MRS. GANDHI'S TRAVELS

1. I THOUGHT I SHOULD ALERT YOU TO SOME STAFF WORK WHICH IS GOING ON HERE IN REGARD TO MRS. GANDHI'S TRAVELS IN LATE JUNE. SHE WILL BE IN MEXICO CITY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR FESTIVITIES ON JUNE 19, STOPPING IN LONDON EN ROUTE. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER SHE WILL HAVE A BILATERAL VISIT IN MEXICO UNTIL JUNE 21, FOLLOWED BY A SIMILAR VISIT TO CUBA FROM JUNE 21 TO ABOUT JUNE 24.

2. ON MAY 28 TEJA TOLD ME THAT MRS. GANDHI'S ITINERARY WAS SET THROUGH THE CUBA VISIT BUT SHE DID NOT YET HAVE FIRM PLANS THEREAFTER. HE THEN ASKED ME, "WHERE WILL PRESIDENT FORD BE BETWEEN JUNE 24 AND 30?" I REPLIED THAT I DID NOT KNOW. HE DID NOT PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER AND I SAID NOTHING MORE.

3. IT SEEMED TO ME THAT TEJA WAS DOING STAFF WORK ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT MRS. GANDHI MIGHT VISIT WASHINGTON AFTER CUBA. KNOWING HOW CAUTIOUS HE ORDINARILY IS, I DOUBT THAT HE WOULD HAVE RAISED THIS SUBJECT WITH ME WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM HIGHER UP ALTHOUGH I DOUBT THAT THIS WOULD EXTEND TO THE PRIME MINISTERS.

4. MEA'S THINKING ABOUT A POSSIBLE VISIT TO WASHINGTON IS UNDOUBTEDLY PART OF GENERAL MOVES WHICH THE GOI IS MAKING TO RE-

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VIVE US-INDIAN RELATIONS, ABOUT WHICH WE ARE REPORTING SEPARATELY.

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